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KOOLAU RAILWAY STILL DOUBTFUL OF JURISDICTION

The Koolau Railway Co., which, through its local agents, recently questioned the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission when the latter requested that the company furnish it with a schedule of its rates, fares and classifications of such, evidently intends making an investigation of its own before it decides definitely whether it should comply with the commission's request. With a view to obtaining this end, it has written the commission asking that it be furnished with copies of the public utilities law.

In answer to this letter Chairman E. A. Mott-Smith has communicated with the company as follows: "As there seems to be some misapprehension between us in regard to your furnishing the commission with your rates, I beg to state that the commission does not desire such material for the purpose of regulating your rates, concerning which the commission's authority is doubtful, but for the information and files of this office. The commission believes it has authority to require your company to furnish this commission with your rates under section 6 of Act 127 of the laws of 1913, for this purpose."

"Further than this, and the requirements to pay fees under Act 127 of the laws of 1913, the commission has exercised no jurisdiction over your company. We also believe that we have the authority to investigate into the condition of your company and make recommendations, but as to the extent of application thereof, we have taken no further steps than the above up to this time."

"We also believe that the lines of our jurisdiction and authority should be drawn by ourselves and by others, whenever the opportunity arises, and that every action toward that end should secure proper consideration on the merits from everybody, including the public, without fear of prejudice."

Sometimes we would rather meet a man who would lend us a dollar than lend us a hand.

POOR PACKING IS BIG PROBLEM FOR MARKET DIVISION

Poor packing is one of the biggest problems just now that the Territorial Marketing Division has to contend with in its work of selling island produce. This morning, for instance, the floor of the division's warehouse on Queen street was piled up with several hundreds of pounds, more or less, of carrots—good carrots, too, but they were of every size and they had been dumped into sacks without washing, bunching, or sorting of any kind. The tops had not been trimmed and were covered with soil. A couple of men of the division were busy most of the morning washing the vegetables, and tying them in uniform bunches. "It would be practically impossible to sell those carrots as we received them," said A. T. Longley, who is in charge of the division, this morning. "But there is a very fair market for them when they are in an attractive shape. This is simply an example of the ignorance or carelessness of a good many people, that is making our work expensive and hard, and is bad besides for the producer."

Sadly Packed Eggs. "There are a lot of eggs which came in from one of the other islands," continued Mr. Longley. "Some of them are packed in straw, some in rice hulls, some in paper. Every egg has to be handled in order to ascertain how many there are, and it is a big job in itself. Besides the eggs get broken more easily than in regular crates. There are a lot of eggs (I haven't an idea how many) packed in that old coal oil case. One end of the box you see is saturated with oil. There is every probability that at least a part of those eggs will be tainted with a coal-oil flavor, for eggs are pretty nearly as bad as butter to take up odors. Then the eggs are of every size, shape and color—no sorting whatever. They may be perfectly fresh, but it is impossible to get the best prices for such product."

But the people of the islands are getting rapidly acquainted with the marketing division, and appreciate its services, as evidence by the great amount of produce which is now coming in from all over the territory, and it is probable that in time the importance of careful sorting and packing will become better understood, and growers will profit accordingly as their fresher and better products are made to compare in appearance with the produce brought from the mainland.

The 36 Japanese immigrants who arrived in Honolulu in the Hongkong Maru, have passed successful examinations and have been admitted to the territory, according to information given out this morning by Richard L. Halsey, inspector in charge of the federal immigration station.

PEPEEKEO CROP FOR 1913 WELL ABOVE ESTIMATE

The Pepeekeo Sugar Company last year had an output of 8951.15 tons of sugar from 2013 acres, according to the report of Manager James Webster, submitted this morning at the annual shareholders' meeting, held in the offices of C. Brewer & Company, agents for the company. Of this acreage, 331 belonged to planters outside of the company. For this year's crop the manager estimates a yield of 8500 tons from 1865 acres, of which 943 acres belongs to independent farmers.

The manager states that the last year crop ran considerably over his estimate, due to unusual growth of the cane in the early part of 1913. The outlook for this year is considered satisfactory and the growth of the cane for the 1915 crop is said to be fully six months ahead of any previous crop.

The reduction in area over last year occurs by reason of the fact that various homesteaders who have been supplying cane to the mill have withdrawn their holdings. One lot, the manager says, has been changed from cane to peanuts, bananas, taro and other garden crops. There has been an abundance of good labor and the mill has been doing good work. Generally speaking, the manager seems to feel that things are in satisfactory condition on the plantation. He indicates that there has been considerable trouble and expense in keeping up the laborers' quarters to the proper standard. An elaborate water supply system for the campus is the most recent call upon the plantation.

Pepeekeo plantation made a net profit on sugar last year of \$94,435.67, besides some \$12,000 from other sources. Dividends amounting to \$90,000, or 12 per cent, were paid. A credit balance to profit and loss of \$402,388.89 is carried forward. The book assets at present are \$1,172,008.90.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are the same as before, as follows: E. F. Bishop, president; W. H. Baird, vice-president; George H. Robertson, treasurer; E. A. R. Ross, secretary; S. M. Damon, director; T. R. Robinson, auditor.

HUMUOLA SHEEP STATION SOLD BY SAM PARKER, JR.; PRICE NAMED \$110,000

A deal was closed yesterday afternoon through the firm of Williamson & Buttolph by which the big Humuola Sheep Station on the island of Hawaii was sold by Samuel Parker, Jr. to William Williamson, trustee. The price paid is said to be \$110,000, and as yet the real purchaser of the property is not known outside of the few persons directly interested. Mr. Williamson left for Hawaii on the Mauna Kea this morning where he will take possession of the property as the agent for the new owner.

A good deal of speculation was current in the commercial district this morning as to the identity of the purchaser of the big ranch. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the property is to become a part of the Parker Ranch, which it joins, but A. W. Carter, manager of the latter company, refused to confirm this, when seen this morning, though evidently being fully conversant with the deal. Another rumor is to the effect that Theo. H. Davies & Company has become identified with the ranch.

The Humuola sheep ranch is for the most part a leasehold from the territory. It consists of 53,180 acres of government land, and pays a rental to the territory of \$8150 per annum. The present lease was executed six years ago, and has until January 1, 1930, to run. The ranch is situated in the great plains between the mountains of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, at an elevation of some 7000 or 8000 feet. The climate is said to be very pleasant.

MANILA EXPOSITION SWEEP BY FIRE, WITH LOSS OF 300,000 PESOS

[By Latest Mail] MANILA.—Fire has gutted the exposition grounds and all provincial exhibits are burned to the ground, and are a total loss. All exhibits that were saved were those of the bureau of education, science, agriculture, forestry and health. All commercial exhibits were destroyed, with very little exception. The fire started in a tower above the Negroes Oriental exhibit and it is supposed that workmen were careless with cigarettes. The fire started at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and in a few minutes the entire exposition was a seething cauldron. The loss is estimated at 300,000 pesos. The fire was gotten under control within a half-hour.

BIRTHS

KING—In Honolulu, March 2, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. King, a son.

If she marries the wrong one it is because the right one failed to ask her.

STREET FUNDS LYING IDLE IS NOW CONTESTED

While several hundred men are reported to be out of work and hunting for jobs, attention has been called to the fact that there is \$71,000 lying idle in the territorial treasury, available at any time for the macadamizing of several miles of streets in the Tunchbowl district, the work to be done under the direction of the superintendent of public works.

A difficulty over getting the curbing laid on these streets is responsible for the delay, for macadamizing is not to be done until the curbs are set. The city and county engineer, L. M. Whitehouse, has had men working in this district for some time, getting the lines and grades for the curbs fixed. But as several of the owners have refused to put in curbs, the work has not progressed as rapidly as expected.

One thoroughfare has been all curbed except in front of some four or five houses so far failed to have the work done. An aggressive committee of the Auwailimu Improvement Club has managed to push the work thus far. On December 10 the supervisors adopted a resolution to compel all owners to put in curbs within 60 days. But now a difficulty has arisen, P. L. Weaver having given an opinion that if proceedings are brought against property owners on one street to compel the laying of curbs, all the owners of land in the district must be made parties to the suits.

With the exception of \$10,000 which was a direct appropriation by the last legislature, the \$71,000 referred to is the money which was paid in by the purchasers of the Auwailimu lot when they were sold by the government a year or more ago, and by law this money is available for road work in the district.

Another thing that the Auwailimu Improvement Club is trying to hurry up is the placing of street signs at the street intersections in the new district.

KUHIO MEASURE GREAT RELIEF TO MOTT-SMITH

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proved by Congress, it will mean that the franchisees of the several companies which the bill covers, which now require the approval of the superintendent of public works or of any court, will be transferred to the Public Utilities Commission; that is, with regard to lines, use of streets, rights-of-way, fares, rates, etc.

"The Public Utilities Commission has been embarrassed in its work because, without this act, its authority over the utilities named is not fixed but centered in the superintendent of public works. The passage of Act 135, and of Act 136, will greatly facilitate the work of the commission and remove the uncertainty as to its jurisdiction and authority."

The companies covered by Act 135 are the Hawaiian Electric, Honolulu Gas, Standard Telephone, Wahiawa Water (as to right-of-way for pipe lines), Island Electric, Kona-Kau Railway and Hilo Railway.

JURY FAILS TO LEARN ANYTHING NEW ABOUT DEATH OF JAPANESE

The identity of the person who deposited a section of brass tubing in a stovepipe leading into an apartment occupied by a number of Japanese laborers employed at Waihole tunnel, the explosion of which is alleged to have led to the death of Sato, may never be fully determined, though Coroner Rose has not abandoned a search for the individual. A coroner's jury called yesterday afternoon to in-

KAHANAMOKU TO SWIM SMALL AND P.M. GILLIVARY

San Francisco is again angling for the appearance of Duke Kahanamoku, and coast swimming experts are laying plans for a big water meet in which the local champion could again try his speed against E. R. Small, who defeated him over the 50-yard distance in the Carnival meet here recently. It is the plan of the Coasters to make the race a three-cornered affair, with Perry McGillivray, the Chicago sprinter, as third man in the tank.

The San Francisco Chronicle of February 25 says in this connection:

Plans for a big swimming tournament to be held in San Francisco before the Fourth of July were announced yesterday. The idea is to get a team from the Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago and Duke Kahanamoku from Honolulu to enter, as well as the best boys of the Pacific Coast, in an invitational tournament. W. M. Coffman, who successfully handled the two biggest swimming meets last year, the Fourth of July championships and the Portola championships will handle the coming affair, which will be held in Suto Baths. George James, prominent in local athletic circles, wrote yesterday to Dr. H. H. Hayes, athletic instructor of the Illinois Athletic Club, asking what arrangements might be made to have men from his organization accept invitations to come to the coast. James states that local people will pay the expenses of three men if the Chicago club will send an additional man, or four men if the Windy City people will send a six-man team. A letter was addressed to Honolulu.

To see Kahanamoku, Perry McGillivray and R. ("Bab") Small, recent conqueror of Kahanamoku, in a 50-yard race would be well worth while. McGillivray is the national champion in the A. A. U. over 50, 100, 200 and 500 yard distances. Kahanamoku holds the world's records over 50 and 100 yards. Small has tied the world's tidal water mark for the 50.

Other men whom the Illinois Athletic Club might send besides Perry McGillivray are H. J. Hebler, A. A. U. back-stroke champion, as well as a dangerous relay man in free style; A. C. Rathel, sprint second only to his teammates McGillivray and Michael McDermott, national 10-mile champion. It is planned to match Walter Pomroy, easily one of the best long-distance swimmers on the Pacific Coast, with the latter.

Plans are not as yet settled upon, and there will be plenty of time for the fans and managers to arrange matches. The date has not been set, but May 30th, or an early date in June, will likely be decided upon if Chicagoans prove willing.

W. M. Coffman, swimming instructor of the San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association, told yesterday the secret of why "Bab" Small "came through" against Duke Kahanamoku Saturday, in the 50-yard race at Honolulu. Coffman knows Small well, and says that the new star in the swimming world gets excited when competing in tank races and cannot succeed in effecting turns. "Saturday's race was the first chance Small had of going 50 yards over a straight-away course," says Coffman, "and he certainly showed what a wonderful swimmer he is. He cannot make a good turn when racing in tank competition owing to the fact that he loses his head. He is a marvel over a straightaway, though, and will bear watching in the future."

quire into the death of the Japanese reached the following verdict: "Sato came to his death on the 22d day of February, 1914, from meningitis, the result of injuries from a piece of stovepipe or brass tube lodged in the base of the brain, the result of an accidental explosion of a brass tube filled with explosive in the drying room of the Waihole Water Company at Waihole, Oahu."

(Signed) "J. T. Copeland, Charles Girdler, Edmund Norris, A. V. Gear, Levi Perkins and Edward Miner."

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